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Torch arrives in Vancouver

FLAME Thousands of cheering people lined Vancouver's streets Thursday to welcome the Olympic torch as it finally came home.

The Olympic flame, which has been jogged and walked and wheeled and carried by every contrivance from surfboard to dogsled, crossed into the city in the afternoon.

"I think it has hit home for everybody. We've all been waiting for this moment for the torch to arrive and now it's here," said Vancouver firefighter Brian Bogdanovich, who ran the torch to the steps of city hall.


Among the torchbearers Thursday were former Vancouver Canucks captain Trevor Linden, basketball superstar Steve Nash and crooner Michael Bublé.

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Torchbearer Michael Tchoo jumps as he carries the Olympic flame during the Olympic torch relay at Simon Fraser University on Thursday in Burnaby, B.C. The Olympic flame is on a 106-day journey across Canada in the longest domestic torch relay in Olympic history. It will end with the lighting of the Olympic cauldron at the opening ceremonies for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics on Friday.

Third time lucky?

Canada's quest for home-turf Olympic dominance begins Friday when the first of the country's 206 athletes get into action at the long-awaited Vancouver Games.

Canadian Olympic officials have made it clear they want the country to finish the Games on Feb. 28 with more medals than any other nation, including powerhouses such as Germany and the United States.

Canadian Olympic Committee chairman Michael Chambers says the goal is ambitious, but eminently achievable in what will be the third time Canada has hosted the Olympics after Montreal in 1976 and Calgary in 1988.

Ski jumping will launch the 17-day sports extravaganza, which will feature a smorgasbord of talented athletes from 82 countries.

Meanwhile, speculation continued to mount Thursday on the identity of the final torchbearer who will light the cauldron at B.C. Place stadium during the opening ceremonies.

The name of hockey great Wayne Gretzky and Terry Fox's mother, Betty, have been mentioned as possible candidates.

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Police seize weapons in raid

Children at target house handed over to protective services

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Two children have been taken from a northeast home where police seized an assault rifle, cocaine, cash and body armour after a month-long drug trafficking investigation.

On Feb. 3, police say they found morphine pills, a machete, \$2,260 worth of cocaine and \$7,200 cash in a Ford Focus and the seizure led investigators to a home on Costa Mesa Close NE the next day.

Police turned up a stolen M-15 assault rifle, ammunition, three handguns, a silencer and a conducted energy weapon disguised as a cellphone at the home. Police also found "home invasion kits," with various items including detonators and body armour.

"These are like the home invasion kits we've seen in the past in upper level organizations and we're pretty happy to have those off the street," Staff Sgt. Mark



Staff Sgt. Mark Hatchette displays a number of weapons seized after a traffic stop and raid on a home in the city's northeast.

Hatchette said.

A seven-year-old and 13-year-old found in the home were handed over to social services, Hatchette said, but he added the parents of the children have not yet been charged. "It's one of those things where, how do (the parents) not know

what was going on in the house," he said, adding police were consulting with the Crown to determine if charges are necessary.

Emmanuel Soto, 21, and Nathan Kim, 23, who is known to the gang unit, are facing drug and weapon charges.

Second search

On Thursday a second residence was searched and a small amount of cocaine was seized, say police. Two women and a man face drug-related charges.

Riding association members quit over 'control'

CANDIDACY Most members of a Calgary riding association held by a controversial Conservative MP have resigned, saying they can't function under the "arbitrary and absolute control" of the national wing of their own party.

The two groups had been arguing over the candidacy of five-term MP Rob Anders in the next federal election.

National Tory policy makes it difficult to hold a

nomination contest if a sitting MP wishes to run again, and those opposing Anders hadn't been able to meet the requirements. But the riding association planned to attempt a nomination battle anyway before the national wing of the Tory party



Rob Anders

stepped in last week.

Sixteen Calgary West board members said in a letter dated Wednesday that they couldn't continue after the council restricted the board's access to funds, took away control over elections at an upcoming general meeting and cut off access to the riding's membership.

"We feel that democracy is being neither recognized nor served by the arbitrary and absolute control being

utilized by the national council in attempting to minutely direct both the actions and thoughts of the local board," reads the letter sent to John Walsh, president of the national council.

Fred DeLorey, director of communications for the Conservative Party of Canada, said in an email Thursday that the party "will not be commenting on internal party matters."

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Murder victim's name released

HOMICIDE Officials have released the name of Monday's homicide victim.

Marcus Tremaine Deveaux, 37, was found collapsed on the ground in Inglewood and while police will not release his cause of death, reports say the man was badly beaten.

Darrin Amond, 30, has been charged with second-degree murder and a second man is being questioned.

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Fire investigators are trying to determine what caused a fire that caused an estimated \$25,000 in damage at a home on Bedford Pl NE Thursday morning. Two people were home at the time and taken to hospital for precaution. Crews continue to investigate. **METRO CALGARY**

Pit bull owner pleads guilty

CRIME The owner of a pit bull that allegedly attacked two young girls and an elderly man last year in the city's northeast has pleaded guilty to three charges and was fined \$3,000.

Brenda Louise Byer, 27, faced a total of 12 charges, but the remaining nine charges were withdrawn following her guilty pleas. The dog was put down last July after the attacks.

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Teenager faces 25 graffiti charges

VANDALISM Calgary police have charged a 16-year-old male with over 25 graffiti-related offences in south Calgary.

Since October 2009, there have been several complaints about spray painting and tagging in the Queensland, Deer Run and Canyon Meadows.

Police allegedly found 23 cans of spray paint and sketches similar to the vandalism in the boy's home. Police don't believe he is behind the racial graffiti in November. **METRO CALGARY**

Students protest budget

Fortune cookies and funding cuts featured on Day of Action

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Attempting to predict their own futures in a fortune cookie, over 500 Mount Royal University students staged a Day of Action Thursday protesting post-secondary education cuts.

The students gathered Thursday at MRU and staged the campaign dubbed Our Fortunes, Our Futures, designed to send a message to the Alberta government to halt spending cuts, according to external relations for the student's association Robert Jones.

"We want to raise awareness about the budget cuts which basically cuts \$54 million in funding and also increased the debt burden onto students," Jones said, adding many people need more schooling just to re-enter the job market in the current economy.

Students gathered to



Matt Spreen, 20, and Brittney Helfrich, 20, Mount Royal students, sign their names to a list with students on campuses across Alberta that will be compiled into a giant fortune cookie and sent to the Alberta government to stop spending cuts to post-secondary education.

sign petitions and also create a "fortune" message to send to the Alberta government.

"We thought it would be a good way to let the government know what a deep impact these cuts

will have on students," Jones said, adding the best messages will be brought to the minister of advanced education Doug Horner.

MRU student Matt Spreen, 20, said students

are taking the news hard and fear for the worst.

"It's unfortunate, because you can't get up to date on your education and it seems to affect more people who can't afford to go to school," he said.

Reel Fun starts this Monday

FESTIVAL The 4th annual Reel Fun Film festival will kick off Monday at Cardel Theatre, featuring a day filled with film, fun, and festivities.

"It's going to be an all day event, and it's going to be so much fun because families can come interact with actual film teams," said Cathy McKee, festival director.

Movie animals will be there, as well as makeup artists and other film folks.

The festival will run until Feb. 22 and showcase a wide selection of Canadian and international films, some of which will be premiering at the festival.

"We're really excited because we just got The Secret of Kells, an Oscar nominated film," said McKee.

The closing gala will feature the Canadian Premiere of Broken Hill, with producer Chris Wyatt (Napoleon Dynamite) and writer/director Dagen Merrill in attendance.

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N.B. minister resigns from cabinet

New Brunswick's justice minister has resigned from cabinet as the result of a breach of privacy that occurred when he was minister of local government. The Opposition Conservatives called for the resignation of Bernard LeBlanc after an email was released identifying a complainant in an animal abuse case. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Florists deal with trio of events

Since the Winter Olympics has competition from Valentine's Day and Chinese Lunar New Year, it looked like a perfect storm for Vancouver florists. Some downtown florists say they're getting orders for cheap red-and-white bouquets from customers who want them in hand for rink tossing at the figure skating venue. But with Valentine's Day fast approaching, business in red roses was slow.

Buy American deal slammed by unions

Ontario must reject a new trade agreement that allows Canadian companies to be temporarily exempt from the Buy American elements of Washington's stimulus package, critics demanded Thursday after releasing a leaked copy of the bilateral agreement.

The one-sided deal will eventually give foreign companies permanent access to publicly funded contracts in areas like schools and hospitals that were previously closed to them, while the province is getting very little in return, they said.

In exchange, Canadian companies will get access to a small pot of U.S. stimulus funding, most of which has

\$73B The deal will open about \$10 billion worth of Ontario projects to the U.S. and about \$73 billion worth of American projects to Ontario businesses, Premier Dalton McGuinty said.

already been spoken for, said Fred Hahn, Ontario president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

"It binds us forever to opening procurement," he said. "This isn't just about some short-term deal to get access to money that ... is practically all committed. Alongside it is a forever agreement. That's not something that I think anybody in the province of Ontario thinks we're signing up for."

Only Ontario and Quebec have included procurement contracts for schools, hospitals, universities and social services in the agreement, according to the leaked documents. But Quebec has a clause that exempts anything that pertains to culture, said Stewart Trew of the Council of Canadians.

"We have questions about why Ontario's Crown corporation responsible for water utility management maintenance has been included into its list of committed agencies," he said.

Bans on bottled water, "buy local" food initiatives and fair wage policies in Ontario may all come under attack from U.S. and foreign companies as a result, Hahn said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Jim Prentice, minister of the Environment and minister responsible for southern Alberta, talks to reporters at a media scrum in Calgary on Thursday.

Oilsands need to get greener, Prentice says

ENERGY Federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice says outside criticism of Alberta's oilsands will continue unless there is a constant effort to improve their environmental impact.

He was responding to an announcement by U.S. organic food store Whole Foods and home furnish-

ings chain Bed, Bath and Beyond that they will not buy fuel derived from the oilsands. He says it's Canada's responsibility to push back against such criticisms and make it clear to the rest of the world that the country is doing the right thing environmentally. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Colonel's home searched by cops

CRIME Forensic investigators from the Ontario Provincial Police spent hours Thursday combing through the Ottawa home of an air force colonel charged in the murders of two women and the sexual assaults of two others.

Officers carrying boxes arrived at the house shared by Col. Russell Williams and his wife shortly after noon. Williams, the former commander of Canada's largest military airfield, Canadian Forces Base Trenton, was arrested Sunday in Ottawa. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Canada poised to benefit from debt crisis: Report

ECONOMY A new bank report says Canada is well-positioned to take advantage of the debt crisis in Europe and growing fiscal problems in the U.S.

The CIBC says Canada is increasingly being seen as a safe harbour in the looming global debt storm.

The bank says Ottawa's fiscal position already compares favourably with most of Europe and the U.S. and will only improve over the next few years.

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Cannon calls on China to curb Iran nuclear pursuits

China needs to use its clout to curb Iran's pursuit of nuclear power, Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said yesterday, refusing to rule out further sanctions against the Islamic regime.

"I think the Chinese need to step up to the plate here. China, of course, is a very highly regarded partner with Iran," Cannon said in an exclusive interview with The Canadian Press.

Speaking in his corner office overlooking west Quebec, he said he expects the issue to dominate discussions among G8 foreign ministers to be held next month just across the river.

Last week, Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said sanctions against Iran would be counterproduc-



Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon arrives at a press conference yesterday in Ottawa

tive to ending Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

Jiechi said countries can pursue peaceful nuclear energy as long as they conform to UN oversight by the International Atomic Energy Agency. But that is something Iran has not done.

"As China commits to IAEA obligations they will be in a good position to be able to influence," Cannon said.

Cannon said he expects the G8 ministers to be seized with the Iranian nuclear question and to come out with a strong state-

Enriched comments

• Ahmadinejad told thousands in his speech yesterday that Tehran has produced its first batch of enriched uranium, but that its nuclear ambitions are entirely peaceful.

ment when they convene in Gatineau, Que., next month.

Cannon called on Iran to cease uranium enrichment and open up to UN inspections in order to re-establish some credibility with the global community.

Cannon's comments came as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared yesterday in Tehran that his country has become a nuclear state.

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Atlantic Canada supports U.S. surgery for premier: Poll

SURVEY A poll says those closest to Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams are most supportive of his trip to the

U.S. for heart surgery.

A new Canadian Press/Harris Decima survey found 65 per cent of Atlantic Canadians said

Williams's trip south for care was appropriate.

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N.B. Liberal expelled after giving the finger to Tories

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Mafia pop walks out of court a free man

The grandpa in Canada's most notorious Mafia family pleaded guilty to tax evasion, settled his debts with the tax man, and strolled out of a courthouse wearing a smile and a fedora hat.

It took less than 15 minutes in a courtroom Thurs-

day for octogenarian Nicolo Rizzuto to walk out a free man. It had taken more than 15 years to bring his tax case to court.

The case stems from infractions committed in the mid 1990s by Rizzuto, the father of reputed Mafia boss Vito Rizzuto and grandfa-

ther of the recently murdered Nick Rizzuto Jr.

He admitted failing to declare interest revenues from more than \$5 million deposited in a handful of Swiss bank accounts.

In 1994 and 1995, Rizzuto earned \$627,906 in interest from the foreign accounts

and didn't declare it. Police uncovered the Swiss accounts in the mid-'90s, but didn't pursue the case.

Tax authorities only discovered the accounts when Rizzuto was swept up in a massive police dragnet against organized crime in 2006, Project Colisee, in

which he and scores of others were arrested.

"Revenue Canada became interested in Mr. Rizzuto because of Project Colisee," Crown prosecutor Yvan Poulin told reporters outside the courtroom.

"The agency got interested in the case — and dusted

off, if you will, its old files."

While Rizzuto could technically have faced jail time, prison sentences are rare in such cases, Poulin noted.

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N.S. seeks new rules on MLA expenses

SPENDING The Nova Scotia government indicated it will soon tighten spending rules for members of the legislature after it requested the man tasked to review allowances to provide an update on his work within weeks.

Former Speaker Art Donahoe said Thursday he will submit an interim report on allowances and perks to the board that oversees the regulations on members' expense allowances.

Donahoe was enlisted in December to submit a full report by July 31.

"I've had discussions with the Speaker and with the premier and as a result of those discussions I will be presenting an interim report for the next meeting of the legislature internal economy board," Donahoe told reporters.

Speaker Charlie Parker later said the board would meet before the end of the month, likely within two to three weeks.

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Report: H1N1 sent more to ICU than seasonal flu

Flu Outbreak

STUDY A new report shows a higher proportion of Canadians needed specialized hospital care for H1N1 influenza than those admitted for complications of seasonal flu during a typical winter.

The study by the Canadian Institute for Health Information compared hospital statistics on H1N1 patients between April and December with figures for patients with regular flu during 2007-2008.

Almost one in six patients in hospital for H1N1 were admitted to the ICU, compared with less than one in 10 of those with seasonal flu.

H1N1 patients needing ventilators to help with breathing more than doubled the influenza-pneumonia group. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Harper rallies Olympic spirit in B.C.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians should drop their normally quiet nationalist nature during the Winter Olympics to loudly and proudly cheer on Canada's Olympic athletes.

In a speech in the B.C. legislature, Harper said Canadians should glow with national pride throughout the Games, set to start Friday.

"Patriotism, ladies and gentlemen, patriotism as Canadians, should not make us feel the least bit shy or embarrassed," he said Thursday, on the eve of the Olympic opening ceremonies.

"There is nothing wrong, and there is much that is

"There is nothing wrong, and there is much that is right, in celebrating together."

Stephen Harper

right, in celebrating together."

Harper delivered a speech equal parts British Columbia history lesson and Olympic pep talk.

His appearance at the sitting B.C. legislature stirred controversy in Ottawa among the Opposition Liberals, who say the prime minister prorogued Parliament in order to duck national debate.

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Harper said nationalism has been abused by others in the past, but Canadians, who generally shy away from overt displays of national pride, should feel no embarrassment to be bursting with pride over the next few weeks.

"I know that thoughts of grandeur and boisterous displays of nationalism we tend to associate with others," he said.

"Yet, we should never cast aside our pride in a country so wonderful ... merely because the notion has sometimes been abused." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Prime Minister Stephen Harper poses for pictures with Canadian Olympic athletes at the flag-raising ceremony at the athlete's village on Wednesday in Vancouver.

Baird works to free man in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA Federal Transport Minister John Baird says he's made progress to secure the release of a Canadian who's spent three years languishing in Ethiopian prisons.

Baird visited Addis Ababa to negotiate the return of Bashir Makhtal, whom Canada believes has been wrongly convicted on terrorism-related charges.

He formally asked that Ethiopia deport Makhtal to Canada, with a promise that the 41-year-old will never return to the region.

Baird says the Ethiopian minister suggested a deal in which Makhtal would serve his life sentence in Canada — which he called "somewhat problematic" since no prisoner transfer agreement with Ethiopia exists, and he does not believe Makhtal is guilty.

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Judge denies custody to couple over racist beliefs

WINNIPEG A judge has ruled that a Manitoba couple can't have custody of their children because they were endangering them when they taught them neo-Nazi beliefs and wrote racist slogans on their daughter.

"Writing and drawing racist expressions and symbols on one's child is not just bad parenting. Those interferences with a child's person are batteries," Court of Queen's Bench Justice Marianne Rivoalen wrote in her decision Thursday.

"Advocating genocide and the wilful promotion of hatred against an identifiable group are crimes in

A brief history

- The children were seized two years ago after the eldest showed up at elementary school with racist slogans and symbols drawn on her skin in permanent marker.

this country. These children have a right to be protected from these things."

Child and Family Services applied for permanent guardianship, alleging that the parents' beliefs and actions caused the children to suffer emotionally.

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News in brief

RIGHTS The embattled head of Rights and Democracy was accused of meeting with terrorist groups, financing Middle East extremists and even had to stick handle questions about the religious background of his employees, new documents show. A memo by Remy Beauregard, former president of the agency, and obtained by the Toronto Star, provides fresh insights into the workplace turmoil during his final months in office — and the stress that his widow blames in part for his death last month.

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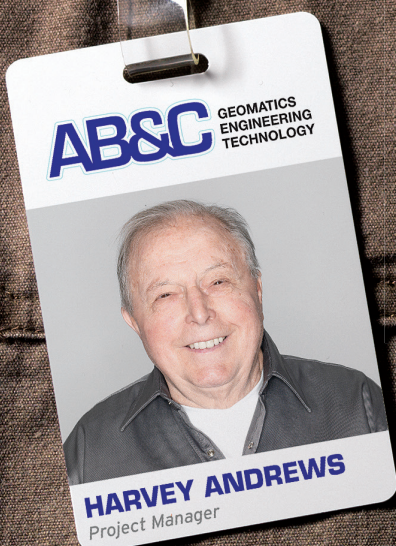
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Former U.S. president Bill Clinton had two stents inserted Thursday to prop open a clogged heart artery after being hospitalized with chest pains, an adviser said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Facebook deletes U.K. convicts' profiles

The criminals are behind bars but their victims are still feeling their reach. The British government said Thursday that Facebook had removed the profiles of 30 U.K. inmates at its request after incidents in which prisoners reportedly used the social networking site to taunt others. The Sunday Times newspaper reported last month that Colin Gunn — a gangland boss convicted of conspiring to murder a couple in 2004 — warned on Facebook that "I will be home one day and I can't wait to look into certain people's eyes and see the fear of me being there."

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Iran's nuclear announcement helped thaw Moscow and Ottawa relations — a thaw that earned Stephen Harper a Finnish tongue-lashing. Scan this code for the story.

Mandela praised during special tribute

JOHANNESBURG South African lawmakers sang Nelson Mandela's praises Thursday as the anti-apartheid icon settled into parliament's public gallery for a State of the Nation address scheduled



Mandela

in tribute to his 20 years of freedom. Mandela was released on Feb. 12, 1990 after

spending 27 years in prison and went on to lead South Africa through the last stretch of a stunning, peaceful revolution from apartheid to democracy.

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No appeal for guards in Iraq

Hundreds of private security guards who have been ordered to leave Iraq within days because of links to Blackwater Worldwide cannot appeal the order, Iraq's interior minister said Thursday.

The expulsion comes in the wake of a U.S. judge's dismissal of criminal charges against five Blackwater guards who were accused in the September 2007 shooting deaths of 17 Iraqis in Baghdad.

"We decide whether foreign security companies stay or not," Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani said Thursday, saying the decision was final and could not be appealed. Al-Bolani announced late Wednesday

that about 250 private security guards linked to Blackwater must leave the country or face possible arrest on visa violations. The order applies to security contractors who worked for Blackwater in Iraq at the time of the 2007 shooting.

Blackwater security contractors were protecting U.S. diplomats when the guards opened fire in Nisoor Square, a busy Baghdad intersection, on Sept. 16, 2007. Seventeen people were killed, including women and children, in a shooting that inflamed anti-American sentiment in Iraq. Based in North Carolina, Blackwater is now known as Xe Services.

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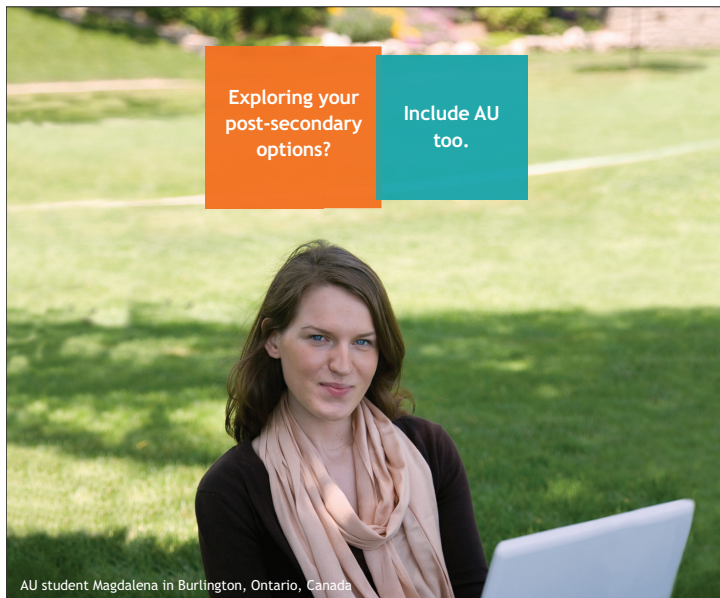
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Solar observatory to gather info on sun
The Solar Dynamics Observatory, the most advanced solar observatory ever built, rocketed into space Thursday on a five-year quest to shed light on the sun. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



U.S. soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, walk past a RG-31 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle as they come back after a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan, Thursday.

Troops plan huge strike

U.S. and Afghan soldiers linked up with Marines on the outskirts of the Taliban stronghold of Marjah on Thursday, sealing off escape routes and setting the stage for what is being described as the biggest offensive of the nine-year war.

Taliban defenders repeatedly fired rockets and mortars at units poised in foxholes along the edge of the town, apparently trying to lure NATO forces into skirmishes before the big attack.

"They're trying to draw us in," said Capt. Joshua Winfrey, 30, of Tulsa, Okla., commander of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines.

Brit killed

• A British soldier was killed in a bombing Thursday in Helmand province, the Ministry of Defence announced in London. It was unclear whether the soldier was part of the Marjah operation.

Up to 1,000 militants are believed holed up in Marjah, a key Taliban logistics base and centre of the lucrative opium poppy trade. But the biggest threats are likely to be the land mines and bombs hidden in the roads and fields of the farming community, 380 miles southwest of Kabul.

The precise date for the attack has been kept secret. U.S. officials have signalled for weeks they planned to seize Marjah, a town of about 80,000 people in Helmand province and the biggest community in southern Afghanistan under Taliban control.

NATO officials say the goal is to seize the town quickly and re-establish Afghan government authority, bringing public services in hopes of winning support of the townspeople once the Taliban are gone. Hundreds of Afghan soldiers were to join U.S. Marines in the attack to emphasize the Afghan role in the operation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rain shower soaks quake-ravaged Haiti

WEATHER A pre-dawn rain shower soaked tens of thousands living in rudimentary shelters in Haiti's capital Thursday, an alarming taste of the havoc a sustained tropical downpour could wreak on this earthquake-ravaged country.

Rain collapsed cardboard shacks and soaked clothing and bedding at the Marassa 14 camp, where about 2,500 earthquake-displaced people live in a dry riverbed. People scrambled to shore up leaks.

Most of the estimated 1.2 million people that the UN says are living in temporary camps across Haiti dwell in simple structures made of bed sheets and plastic sheeting. Officials warn that more permanent shelter must be had before the rainy season begins within weeks.

Downtown, more than

1,000 people demanded shelter in separate protests outside the collapsed National Palace and at the police post where government ministers have temporary offices.

"They're not giving us tents. It's raining and now we are in trouble," said one protester, Saintel Petit.

The European Union, criticized for its slow response to the earthquake, said Thursday it will mount a military operation to bring shelter before the start of the rainy season, usually in April. Officials did not immediately give details on what kind of shelter the EU plans to provide. Wildly conflicting death tolls from Haitian officials, meanwhile, have raised suspicions that no one really knows how many people died.

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Explosion blackens N.Y. landmark

FIRE An explosion in a transformer underneath a Manhattan sidewalk sent flames up the front of a landmark building Thursday, shattering windows and blackening the facade of several stories. No injuries were reported.

Consolidated Edison spokesman Christopher Olert said the transformer was in a vault below the front of the building. An investigation was under way into the cause. Deputy fire Chief James Daly said firefighters were initially called out for a report of smoke coming out of a manhole. He said firefighters had been out all night to deal with manhole fires because of runoff from snow and salt coming into contact with electrical grids.

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Court orders milkshake murder retrial

Nancy Kissel has always maintained that she killed her investment banker husband in self-defence, fending off a physical and sexual attack, but a Hong Kong jury found her guilty four years ago of sedating him with a laced milkshake before bludgeoning him to death.

In a stunning reversal Thursday, however, the territory's highest court overturned that conviction, ordering a retrial in the case that has grabbed headlines and spawned a book and TV special.

Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal said that prosecutors had improperly cross-examined the 45-year-old mother of three during the trial and that the judge wrongly allowed hearsay evidence. Kissel, who is four years into a life

sentence, will remain in jail but can now apply for bail pending a new trial.

Nancy Kissel acknowledged that she had an affair with an electrician who worked at the couple's vacation home in Vermont. Suspicious of his wife, Robert installed spy software on his wife's computer and hired a private detective to monitor her while at their U.S. home.

Prosecutors said their differences came to a head on Nov. 2, 2003, accusing her of feeding him a milkshake laced with drugs, then bashing him on the head with a metal ornament. They said she asked workers to move her husband's body — wrapped in a sleeping bag and a carpet — to a storeroom in their apartment complex.

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Pets **Neigh-ver seen this before**



"It's just like having a big dog," said Mike Thorn, the Montana owner of Rowan, a 30-inch-tall miniature horse, seen here in a file photo.

Ex-neo-Nazi arrested in sign theft

STOCKHOLM Swedish police on Thursday arrested a former neo-Nazi leader that Polish investigators suspect in the theft of the "Arbeit Macht Frei" sign at Auschwitz.

Anders Hogstrom, 34, was detained in Stockholm on a European arrest warrant. A Swedish prosecutor said Hogstrom will be appointed a defence lawyer and questioned by Swedish

investigators before authorities can decide on extraditing him to Poland.

Polish officials have said Hogstrom is suspected of incitement to commit theft of a cultural treasure.

The infamous sign — which means "Work Sets You Free" in German — was stolen in December from the site of the Nazis' former death camp in Poland.

News in brief

POACHING The UN is accusing Zimbabwean security forces of spearheading poaching of elephants and rhinos in the troubled country. Willem Wijnstekers of the UN Convention on

International Trade in Endangered Species, said the forces had killed about 200 rhinos in the past two years, putting the population near extinction.

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Comment

Van Horne deserves reprieve

UrbanCompass

Janice Paskey

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The news comes, as it always does, in a letter home. My son's school is on the "operationally small list." (His class has 27 students, so go figure.)

He's in Grade 6, and moving on, so I won't be fighting.

I've seen this movie before: There will be show trials of public hearings, parents will try to do something, but something will never matter. The school will close.

But nearby William Van Horne High School. That

school deserves a fight.

It's located in the Northwest, not far from the U of C. It teaches the learning disabled, the deaf, and kids who want skills training. Yes, it's small. Just a few hundred students, so students get individual attention.

Van Horne has an impassioned student in Terri Wright, 18. She came to WVH with her deaf brother after both failed at a regular junior high.

Wright travels from Copeland far in the south-east. Because it's worth it.

The CBE position is that

it's best that WVH students go back to the mainstream schools, and do specialized programs there. Wright has seen that. She's lived it. Students don't want to go back to big schools, they didn't feel accepted there.

For her part, Wright is almost done. She's hoping to attend Bow Valley College. But she hadn't given up on the others:

"What is going to happen to the deaf and disabled?" she asks. "Are you just going to push them along in high school and treat them like they can't accomplish anything in life?"

Because she knows how that feels. Our school boards rely on city statistics showing school age kids are set to decline the

closer you are to the city core. So families will live in the 'burbs and keep on driving.

Sadly, this is directly contradictory to that Calgary's hundreds-of-pages-long plan to densify the inner city. You can't blame the school boards for cutting costs. You can, however, blame "the system" where their decisions go unchecked, and there's a lack of incentive to make schools community infrastructure.

What if they could be multi-use, and have daycares and seniors programming all in one?

We imagined Calgary. We didn't imagine boldly enough. The province has the power to mandate planning and school board change. It should use it.

Janice Paskey teaches at Mount Royal University and is a volunteer with Westwood Hockey.



Views

Spotting a 'growing' problem in homes

Marketplace

Erica Johnson

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Do a quick Google search of "marijuana grow-ops" in Canada, and the headlines pop up. In just the past month: "RCMP estimate as many as 10,000 grow-ops in British Columbia," "Mounties encounter more sophisticated grow-ops," "Halifax police charge six in grow-op." And on they go.

There's no denying, Canada has become a "source country" for marijuana. Meaning, there's lots of money to be made, largely by organized crime.

And where are criminals setting up shop? Step outside your house. Look down the block to the left. Then look to the right. Chances

are, a house near you is hiding a grow-op secret.

So what happens when the police bust these homes? Or when the growers figure it's time to move on? Often, these houses get quickly patched up and put on the market, leaving the next homebuyer stuck with expensive problems — like mould, dangerous wiring, and structural damage.

If you think hiring a home inspector is going to protect you, think again. Some are trained to spot the grow-op warning signs, but many have no idea what to look for. And accreditation or other fancy titles aren't much of a guarantee either. Watch what happens Friday night when we invite in-

spectors to a bait house, to spot obvious grow-op warning signs. One claims to be an engineer, two are certified and another is a registered home inspector. By the end of the show, you'll probably learn to do a better job spotting a grow-op coverup than they do.

So when it comes time to hire a home inspector, there are a few things to ask. Firstly, what kind of experience does the inspector

have? If they don't have much, that's a big red flag. What kind of training do they have? And is it relevant? That's key — even if someone is an engineer, it doesn't mean they're qualified to inspect a home.

Are they independent?

"Try this. Step outside your house. Look down the block to the left. Then look to the right. Chances are, a house near you is hiding a grow-op secret."

Never hire a home inspector who's been referred by a real estate agent — they may feel obliged to help sell a house in bad condition. The inspector also shouldn't be part of a construction or homebuilder group, or offer repair services themselves.

What kind of equipment does the home inspector bring along? They should have a camera, binoculars, a ladder, maybe even an infrared camera. Their reports should include photographs, and include detailed explanations of what's been found.

Lastly, can you follow them around during an inspection? A good inspector will encourage you to take part, and will clearly communicate any serious problems — not bury them in a checklist.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



Worth mentioning

'Wonder Vag' character to teach teens about safe sex

HEALTH The public health unit in London, Ont., is using comic book-themed superheroes and a villain named the evil "Sperminator" to teach teens about safe sex.

Visitors to their website can play the game "Adventures in Sex City," by choosing one of the characters: Wonder Vag, Willy the Kid, Power Pap or Captain Condom. The goal is to correctly answer 25 questions about sexual health and defeat the evil Sperminator, a character with penises for arms.

Shaya Dhinsa, manager of sexual health at the Midsex-London Health Unit, says they worked directly

with teens to develop a resource that would catch their attention and teach important information.

If players answer a question wrong the Sperminator shoots their character with sperm, but if the question is answered correctly their character uses a "condom shield" to shoot the sperm back at the Sperminator.

The game begins by saying: "In the dark of the night Sex City is in panic because of the terrible Sperminator, whose sole mission is to infect all citizens with various sexually transmitted infections."

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Manulife erases year-earlier red ink

Manulife Financial Corp. reported Thursday an \$868-million profit in the fourth quarter, reversing a big loss racked up in the same period a year earlier. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Business

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Blockbuster earnings

Avatar helps Cineplex net \$9.5M in last quarter

A slate of high-profile blockbusters helped Canada's biggest movie theatre exhibitor Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund pull off a stronger fourth quarter and a record year in both box-office receipts and concession sales.

The Toronto-based income trust said Thursday that quarterly earnings were \$9.5 million for the period ended Dec. 31, helped by the early results from James Cameron's Avatar, which was playing in theatres during the last 13 days

of the quarter.

The quarterly earnings were a 37 per cent increase from \$6.9 million a year before.

Avatar was the No. 1 performing film in the quarter generating 11.8 per cent of total box-office revenue, said president and CEO Ellis Jacob. Since then, Avatar has gone on to become the top grossing film of all time, bringing in more than \$2 billion US globally so far.

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film's box-office results have been helped by premium ticket prices for both its digital 3-D and Imax 3-D versions, which can be sold for about \$3 to \$5 more than the average movie ticket.

Cineplex units lifted 18 cents to \$18.40 on the Toronto Stock Exchange, after briefly touching a two-year high. The company's stock had gone as high as \$18.60 in the morning, which is its highest level since December 2007.

Movies like Avatar also helped push concession sales nearly 19 per cent higher to \$72.9 million, compared to \$61.4 million.

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Liquidation World closing stores

RETAIL Liquidation World Inc. plans to reduce the number of stores it operates to 91 by the end of this fiscal quarter, down from 96 currently, the company said Thursday.

Up to eight stores will be closed and three new stores opened during the quarter, it said.

The closures were announced along with Liquidation World's latest financial report, for the fiscal first quarter ended Jan. 3.

Revenue in the quarter was \$44.1 million, down 6.2 per cent from \$47.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

Same-store sales, a key

comparison of locations that have been open at least a year, declined by \$3.8 million or 8.5 per cent.

During the most recent quarter, Liquidation World opened five new stores which generated total sales of \$3.1 million during the quarter.

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Business in brief

FUND The Canada Pension Plan Fund reported assets of \$123.9 billion at the end of its third quarter, as it recovered from a fall to \$108.9 billion a year earlier when plummeting stock markets caused an investment loss of 6.7 per cent. The fund said it generated \$2.2 billion in investment income.

AUTOS Chrysler will begin selling the subcompact Fiat 500 in Canada by the end of the year in the hopes of boosting its market share with smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles. The automaker unveiled the European-style hatchback at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto on Thursday and will begin selling it in North America by December.

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One day after a matchup of horse racing's leading ladies was put on hold, the owner of Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark., worked out a compromise to match the champion females Rachel and Zenyatta for the first time — in the \$5-million US Apple Blossom Invitational on April 9. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Ticats coach in running for award

Marcel Bellefeuille was recognized Thursday for leading the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to their first home playoff game in eight years, being named as one of three finalists for the CFL's coach of the year award. Joining him are Marc Trestman of the Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes, and Ken Miller, who guided the Saskatchewan Roughriders to the West Division title.

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Rams to be sold to Illinois businessman

NFL The majority owners of the St. Louis Rams have agreed to sell the team to an Illinois auto parts magnate who reportedly doesn't want to move the team.

The Rams confirmed the pending sale Thursday and scheduled a late afternoon news conference to discuss details.

If approved by a 75 per cent vote of NFL owners, Chip Rosenbloom and Lucia

Rodriguez, the children of famed Rams owner Georgia Frontiere, will sell their 60 per cent stake in the team to Shahid Khan, the 55-year-old president of an auto parts manufacturer, Flex-N-Gate, in Urbana, Ill.

The sale was first reported by the Web site for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the online newspaper Globe-Democrat.com. Unidentified NFL sources told STLtoday.com that Khan is a Rams fan who is committed to keeping the team in St. Louis.

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Flames' home woes continue

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Brenden Morrow overcame scoring on his own net in the first period to set up the tying and go-ahead goals Thursday night as the Dallas Stars won 3-1 over the Calgary Flames.

The Flames struck first at 15:34 of the first period as Jarome Iginla scored one of the more unusual goals of his career.

The Flames captain lost control of the puck as he attempted to carry it to the front of the net. However, as it bounced through the slot, Stars forward Brenden Morrow attempted to clear the puck and inadvertently fired it into his own net past stunned goaltender Marty Turco.

At 15:00 of the second, Mike Ribeiro put himself on the highlighting reels tucking his stick through his legs and firing the puck towards the Calgary net with it banking in off the pad of sprawled Flames goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff.



Calgary's Jarome Iginla, centre, gets sandwiched between Dallas Stars' goalie Marty Turco, left, and Nicklas Grossman, during first period action from Thursday's game.

Dallas took the lead three minutes into the third period.

From the corner, Morrow threaded a pass to Jamie Benn darting through the slot uncovered and the Stars rookie quickly fired a wrist shot into the open side before Kiprusoff could slide across.

It was the 14th goal of

the season for the 20-year-old, which ranks him fourth amongst NHL rookies.

Ribeiro added his second of the night into an empty net with 10 seconds left for Dallas (27-21-12), which won the season series 3-0-1 and improves to 5-2-1 in its last eight.

The rare road victory for the Stars — their second in

the last 15 games — moves them into a tie with Detroit for ninth place in the Western Conference, one point back of Calgary and the final playoff spot.

The Flames (29-23-9) continue to struggle at home, having won just twice in their last nine games at the Pengrowth Saddledome (2-6-1).

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Sports in brief

NBA The NBA says Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers and Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers won't play in the all-star game this weekend.

MLB Outfielder Corey Hart has become the first player on the Milwaukee Brewers to go to arbitration in 12 years. Hart asked a panel of arbitrators Thursday for a raise to \$4.8 million US from \$3.25 million. The Brewers countered with an offer of \$4.15 million.

MLB Tom Glavine has rejoined the Atlanta Braves as special assistant to president John Schuerholz. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Portsmouth facing big threat from neighbour

With Portsmouth in danger of going out of business and finishing last in the Premier League, it might appear things couldn't get much worse.

Now comes the threat of being knocked out of the cup by third division Southampton, its bitter south coast neighbour.

A day after Portsmouth temporarily survived a winding up order, gaining at least another week to try and pay off tax debts, coach Avram Grant and his players were able to concentrate Thursday on beating Southampton.

Their opponents have also had their cash problems. They received a 10-point punishment this season for going into financial administration but have lost only six of 28 games in League One. With local bragging rights at stake, Southampton will be tough to beat at its St. Mary's stadium on Saturday.

Portsmouth midfielder Richard Hughes believes



"The opportunity to go to our old friends and hopefully turn them over in their backyard is extra special." Portsmouth midfielder

Richard Hughes on facing Southampton

the extra interest of facing its neighbour will lift some of the gloom of the club's financial plight.

"It was the draw I was hoping for," he said. "And, to be absolutely honest, although the fans would have loved for a chance to welcome them back to our patch, I'm pleased to be playing them away from home."

"We've yet to beat them at St. Mary's and so the opportunity to go to our old friends and hopefully turn them over in their backyard is extra special."

This is the first time in almost five years that the two teams have met because Southampton was relegated from the top flight in 2005 and even slipped into the third division this season.

"The derby is a match that I've always most enjoyed in my time at Portsmouth," Hughes said.

"It's always quite a lively day and the one disappointment that came from them going down is that we haven't been able to play them since."

Portsmouth faced seven-time European champion Milan in last season's UEFA Cup having won the FA Cup the season before.

Since then, its fortunes have nosedived, especially after the departure of manager Harry Redknapp to Tottenham last season. With only 16 points from 25 games, Portsmouth has six fewer than anyone else and is eight away from safety. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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The waiting is over

Canada gets another shot at winning gold at home

When most people hold their breath, they turn blue.

For the millions of Canadians waiting for the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics on Friday, they've been turning red.

The nation has waited for more than 20 years for these Olympics to finally claim a prize denied twice before: An Olympic gold medal on home soil.

In this simple piece of metal are cast the hopes and dreams of the country and by the time the Olympics begin, Canada will be full to bursting with anticipation.

And that's exactly how the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee wants it.

When they bid for the Games in 2003, said VANOC chief executive officer John Furlong, it was with a very distinct vision.

"We thought we could be a nation builder," he said. "The Games could be a moment in time for Canada where every Canadian could feel like they had participated in not

just watching this and cheering it on, but in actual fact playing a role in helping it be successful."

Together with the federal government and Canadian Olympic Committee officials, Vancouver organizers ran the ambitious Own the Podium program, a \$117-million effort to ensure Canada wins more medals than any other country at these Games.

It was a gutsy move for an organizing committee, whose job in the past has been merely to act as the gracious host for the world and show off a little bit of their country's charm while they're at it.

"It's not

something that we recommend an organizing committee do. You have to put resources to that, it costs you money, it costs you resources, it costs you a lot of effort," said Gilbert Felli, the IOC's executive director of Games.

"But they have done it, and they have done it very well and we are very pleased about it."

The goal wasn't just to change the way the country

feels about sport, but about itself, said Dave Cobb, deputy executive director for the organizing committee.

"I think it has become accepted in this country that it's all right to say we want to be No. 1," he said.

"But to do it in a way that's not arrogant, not necessarily expected everywhere."

It definitely wasn't expected. And the rest of the world has noticed.

"This is Canada's moment for a sleek sporting makeover," said the British newspaper The Telegraph. For Furlong, whether his team has succeeded the goal of making these

Canada's Games on and off the field of play won't be known for the next 17 days.

"One of the things that I hope more for really than anything is that this will not be something that ends in March but is the start of something new," he said.

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Cauldron lighting demands greatness

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Scott Russell

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Keep this in mind when thinking about the lighting of the Olympic cauldron: Few

rules govern the process. In the past, we've witnessed an archer, a flying ski jumper and a gymnast circling the roof of a Bird's Nest as they performed the solemn ritual. There's been more than a little gimmickry reflected in the flames that have presided over previous Olympic gatherings.

Not this time. Only greatness will do.

Here's a theory to fuel the debate as all Canadians rekindle the fires of their Olympic passion. There will be not one but four torches on the day and they will concurrently gather around the cauldron to set a celebration of Canadian Olympic history ablaze.

They will be iconic figures spanning generations in a land of ice and snow. Included in their ranks will be the defining Olympians of a winter nation.

"The Great One" will be there.

How could Wayne Gretzky, our seminal hockey player, not be? He is synonymous with the game and the country and by assembling the team that delivered the first men's hockey gold in 50 years in 2002,

Gretzky forever cemented our loyalty.

Nancy Greene will make the cut. She spawned a fascination with skiing by winning gold at the 1968 Olympics. Every member of this year's alpine team emerged from the Nancy Greene Racing League that keeps the sport strong in Canada.

"Canada's Sweetheart" Barbara Ann Scott will grace the proceedings.

The only Canadian winner of individual figure skating gold, Scott's legacy endures. And she won in 1948 at St. Moritz as the world was healing the wounds of war. Barbara Ann Scott is a lock in my books.

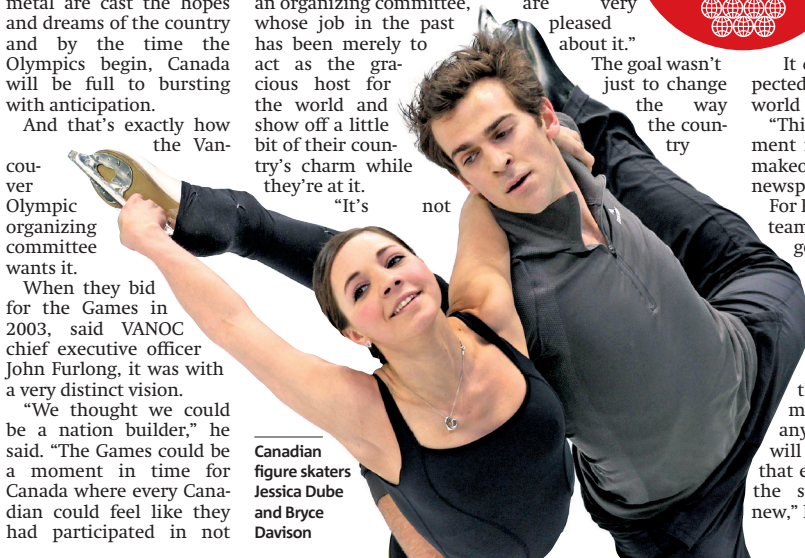
As is speedskater Catriona Le May Doan.

She was known as "the Fastest Woman on Ice," the only Canadian Olympian, winter or summer, to have won gold medals in consecutive Games. Le May Doan's address to the IOC in 2003 swung the vote and helped get Vancouver/Whistler the Olympics in the first place.

Together they'll do it — our greatest skier, figure skater, speedskater and hockey player.

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Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.



Canadian figure skaters Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison

Curler named one of Canada's most eligible bachelors

TV He's cute and he curls. Now Canada's John Morris has been named one of Canada's most eligible bachelors.

The 31-year-old Morris, who is the third for Canadian skip Kevin Martin, earned the hottie nod from TV's Entertainment Tonight Canada.

"It's true," Morris said with a sigh.

"I was approached about a month and a half ago and told I was considered to be one of Canada's top bachelors. It was very flattering."

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John Morris

Read their lips: No dubbing

LIP-SYNCH Two years after piped-in vocals from a seven-year-old songbird touched off a controversy at the Beijing Games, Vancouver Olympic organizers are hoping to avoid a similar scandal by being clear about plans for the 2010 opening ceremonies.

Yes, VANOC says, performers will lip-synch at Friday's festivities. But they're also quick to point out the distinction between that method and the dubbing that inspired such outrage in Beijing. In 2008, when it was revealed that a girl's vo-

cal was actually delivered by another child, newspapers around the world condemned the fakery.

But David Atkins, executive producer of the Vancouver Opening Ceremonies, points out that what happened in China was actually dubbing, not lip-synching — the distinction being that lip-synching involves a singer mimicking a backing track of his or her own voice, while dubbing means misrepresenting someone else's voice as the singer's own.

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Canada, U.S. ready to do it all over again

Women's hockey squads set to add new chapter to longstanding rivalry

If the players on the American women's hockey team are out to avenge their loss on home ice to Canada at the 2002 Olympics, they're not saying so.

Canada and the United States are the top-ranked teams in any women's hockey event, and their now 20-year-old rivalry will add another chapter beginning Saturday at the 2010 Winter Games.

The Americans can do in Vancouver what the Canadians did in Salt Lake City eight years ago — get an upset victory in the final in their dreaded rival's rink.

"I'm not focused on paying them back, just on playing my best hockey," three-time Olympian Julie Chu of the U.S. squad said Thursday. "We lost the gold medal, it happened to be on our soil, and here we want to put ourselves in position to be in the gold medal game."

"They're not only the defending gold medallist, they're hosting, and it's their national sport — they have a lot on their shoulders. ... We have no pressure."

Team USA's Angela Ruggiero on the Canadian women

"Our goal is to win a gold medal, and if it's on Canadian soil, that's what it turns out to be."

It is the fourth time women's hockey will be a medal sport at the Olympics. The Americans beat Canada 3-1 in the first final in Nagano, Japan, in 1998, but Canada answered with a 3-2 victory four years later, despite an American referee who



Members of the U.S. women's hockey team look on during a press conference in Vancouver on Thursday. The team plays China on Sunday.

slapped Canada with 13 minor penalties.

The U.S. hit a speed bump in 2006 in Turin, Italy, losing 3-2 to Sweden

in the semifinals. Canada beat the Swedes 4-1 to claim the gold medal and the Americans settled for bronze.

The setback prompted changes in the American team, and 15 first-time Olympians are on the 21-player squad in Vancouver.

They check themselves now before discussing any impending meeting with Canada, knowing there are games that must be won against underdogs first — starting Sunday against China.

"You saw it in the last Games, we overlooked Sweden a bit, so we're focusing one game at a time," said Angela Ruggiero, who is at her fourth Olympics.

Still, Ruggiero is pleased to load any extra pressure she can on Canada.

"They're not only the defending gold medallist, they're hosting, and it's their national sport — they have a lot on their shoulders," she said.

"They can deny it as much as they want, but there's the weight of a nation on them."

"We have no pressure. We know what we have to do to win."

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Flame arrives at Vancouver's city hall

RELAY The Olympic flame has arrived at Vancouver's city hall to hundreds of cheering spectators waving small Canadian flags.

Mayor Gregor Robertson was there to welcome the flame to Vancouver just as he was there to usher the flame on to Canadian soil when the run began in October.

Robertson told the crowd the moment they have been waiting for years has finally arrived.

The torch will stay in Vancouver for the rest of the day, eventually reaching a massive community celebration planned in the city's downtown.

On Friday, it will be passed hand-to-hand among celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Canadian icons like Walter Gretzky. Wayne's



Firefighter Brian Bogdanovich carries the Olympic torch to Vancouver City Hall Thursday afternoon. Several hundred people showed up to cheer the torch's arrival.

father, before the flame is ushered to the stadium where it will light the cauldron to start the Games.

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Thick and messy snow could prove helpful to Canadians

BIATHLON Canada's biathletes are counting on the sport's unpredictability — and a dose of wet, mucky snow — as possible routes to surprise podium finishes as competitions begin this weekend.

Medal hopefuls Jean-Philippe Le Guellec of Quebec City and Zina Kocher of Canmore, Alta., were praising the thick, wet flakes falling on the course Thurs-

day, hoping it becomes one more element to help Canada crack European domination of biathlon.

Le Guellec, 24, is known to "float" over the snow when it's thick and messy, and he's backed by a waxing technician team that is arguably the most experienced in the world on Callaghan Valley's warm and variable conditions.

Not since 1994's Games in

Lillehammer, when Myriam Bedard pulled off two golds has Canada had such opportunities for a medal in this shooting and skiing sport, he argues.

"It's definitely a possibility. The trail here and the way the whole system is set up, anything can happen for anyone," he said after training in the moist snow that fell throughout Thursday.

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Over 30 doping athletes dropped, none were Canadian

RULES More than 30 athletes have been dropped from Winter Olympic teams from around the world because of doping violations, the World Anti-Doping Agency said Thursday without divulging names, nationalities or sports.

There were no Canadians among them. But in separate anti-doping news Thursday, a Russian female hockey player received an

official reprimand for using a banned stimulant.

Svetlana Terenteva tested positive for tuaminoheptane, a stimulant found in decongestant cold medicines. Athletes are allowed to take the drug when they're not competing, but cannot during the official in-competition period. For the Games, that began when the Olympic Village opened Feb. 4.

The International Olympic Committee gave Terenteva the equivalent of a wrist slap.

A statement from the IOC said the athlete admitted to taking a prescription drug called Rhinofluimucil for a bad head cold, but she stopped Feb. 3. Traces of the drug were found in her urine when she was asked to submit to drug testing Feb. 6.

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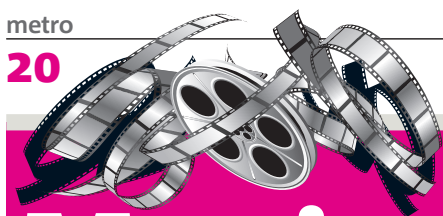
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Leonardo DiCaprio and, as Leo puts it, 'master filmmaker' Martin Scorsese team up for a fourth time with *Shutter Island*.

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More than thrills

Shutter takes DiCaprio to psychological depths

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The last time James Cameron made the most successful film of all time, he didn't emerge as the project's most famous face.

That fame fell on Leonardo DiCaprio, who was always uneasy about his superstar status.

In the decade since Titanic, DiCaprio has gone out of his way to embrace projects that force audiences to think of him as an actor rather than a celebrity. His primary partner in crime during this period has been legendary director Martin Scorsese.

The pair have made four films together, the most recent of which is Shutter Island (opening next week). DiCaprio loves working with the director because of his deep appreciation

for actors.

"The one thing that I don't think people understand about Scorsese is how much he believes in his actors," DiCaprio told Metro. "He's a master filmmaker, but he always lets the actors dictate what he puts up on the screen."

Following their Oscar-winning collaboration The Departed, Scorsese and DiCaprio decided to turn their attention to a thriller by Mystic River author Dennis Lehane.

On paper, Shutter Island seems like little more than a genre movie about a detective investigating a twisted mental institution. However, there are more than just thrills in the film — even if Scorsese and DiCaprio weren't completely conscious of it when they signed on.

"Once we started to unravel who this man was and the nature of what was going on, it took us to places that we never could have foreseen," the actor said.

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As DiCaprio worked on the film, the complexities of the project and his character began to peel away like an onion.

"When you read something a character can seem one way, but until you're actually on set doing it there's really no way to fully understand him," admitted DiCaprio.

Careful not to give away the film's surprises, he continued, "We suddenly realized that we had to push certain boundaries that we didn't think we needed to initially. Everything changed and there were a few weeks that I have to say were some of the most hardcore filming experiences I've ever had. It was almost like reliving trauma."

"I don't say that sort of stuff very often because it always seems superficial

Shutter Island opens next Friday



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio, left, and director Martin Scorsese team up for the fourth time in the psychological thriller Shutter Island, which opens in theatres next Friday.

when you're talking about a movie, but we really went to places unearthing who this man was that I didn't think we would get to."

Shutter Island should be a pleasant surprise for audiences, offering all of the suspense and entertain-

ment expected from a thriller but with a psychological depth that isn't quite as common.

It's what attracted DiCaprio to the project and what he hopes audiences will appreciate.

"This film is being publi-

cized as and is a thriller in a lot of ways," he said. "It is very much a genre piece, but at the end of the day it's also what Martin Scorsese does best. And that is portraying something about human nature and who we are as people."

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The Wolfman

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Stars: Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins, Emily Blunt
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for Metro Canada

REVIEW The blockbuster Wolfman remake arrives on screens this weekend after countless delays (including the original director quitting shortly before shooting began). That's never a good sign, but with a cast that includes Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins along with some stunning Gothic production design, it at least looked like the project had a shot at working.

Sadly, it doesn't. Though the filmmakers get a number of elements right, they can all be admired on the poster. Once the movie starts playing, disappointment sets in.



Wolfman stars Benicio Del Toro, who our reviewer says is a talented lead but doesn't shine due to the movie's poor script.

The failure of this edition of The Wolfman comes down to the writing. The simple story about an involuntary and tortured monster has been expanded into a ludicrous murder mystery that barely hangs together.

Benicio Del Toro's trou-

bled protagonist returns home following the death of his brother, greeted by an impossibly evil father (Anthony Hopkins, introduced with a silly suspicious grin that he doesn't drop until the credits roll) and the news that a werewolf is stocking his town.

Unsurprisingly Del Toro is bitten by the monster and becomes prone to full moon rampages.

Admittedly whenever the Wolfman appears there's fun to be had, but tragically most of the movie is wasted unraveling a rather obvious murder

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plot (hint: The villain is the most famous actor with the least to do).

The make-up effects by Oscar-winner Rick Baker are impressive as are all of the expensive period costumes and sets. However, style doesn't make a movie.

Convoluted storytelling kills the project, which is too bad because the talented cast could have elevated the material if they'd been given a chance. Del Toro should have been an ideal lead, but the script requires him to appear stoic in every scene with no growth, making him a little more than a whiney Wolfman. By the time the werewolf wrestling match climax hits the screen, it's hard to even care about what's happening. The Wolfman deserves better than this. Even Teen Wolf was more satisfying.

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Escape From New York remake

New Line appears ready to commit to getting the remake of John Carpenter's cult sci-fi action picture *Escape From New York* back on its feet and striding on the path to our screens, with a script by Allan Loeb. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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V-Day a little crowded

Valentine's Day offers a few compelling stories, some not

Valentine's Day

Director: Garry Marshall
Stars: Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Biel
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

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For his new romantic omnibus *Valentine's Day*, director Garry Marshall brings together an overwhelmingly impressive cast, including Julia Roberts, Ashton Kutcher, Anne Hathaway, Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Patrick Dempsey, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Alba, Topher Grace, Shirley MacLaine, Taylor Swift and Taylor Lautner.

It's an embarrassment of A-list riches. But so many big stars playing so many characters with so many Valentine's Day-related issues to work out makes the movie feel more than a little crowded. And while

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there's certainly something for everyone in the interconnecting story lines, *Valentine's Day* suffers from a supreme lack of focus.

At the core of the film are a few very compelling stories played out by very charming actors, but there's too much else going on for the film to stop and give them the time they need. The hopeless romantic florist (Kutcher) oblivious to his fiancée's (Alba) cold feet, his best friend (Garner) discovering the hard way that her perfect boyfriend (Dempsey) isn't so perfect — these work. But Swift and Lautner hog up far too much screen time as dim high schoolers with nothing to contribute in a plot line that seems cynically designed to pull



Jessica Biel, left, and Jaime Foxx, centre front, star in Garry Marshall's impressively casted romantic comedy *Valentine's Day*.

in their respective fans.

And a note to the filmmakers: When you have a character who can't get a

date and uses chocolate as a coping mechanism, don't cast Jessica Biel. No one will believe it.



Jennifer Garner's character, Julia, in *Valentine's Day* discovers the hard way that her boyfriend isn't so perfect.

Percy Jackson: A pricey, miscast mess

Percy Jackson And The Olympians: The Lightning Thief

Director: Chris Columbus
Stars: Alexandra Daddario, Steve Coogan, Logan Lerman
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW Hollywood has been paying a lot of attention to young adult fantasy novels following the success of the *Harry Potter* and *Twilight* franchises.

Percy Jackson And The Olympians: The Lightning Thief is the latest attempt at



Uma Thurman plays Medusa in *Percy Jackson And The Olympians*.

a young adult cash cow and one that probably won't continue beyond a single movie. If the unwieldy title doesn't scare away viewers, then the poorly paced screenplay and celebrity miscasting should do the

trick. A great deal of money was clearly spent trying to launch this franchise, but sadly it all went to waste.

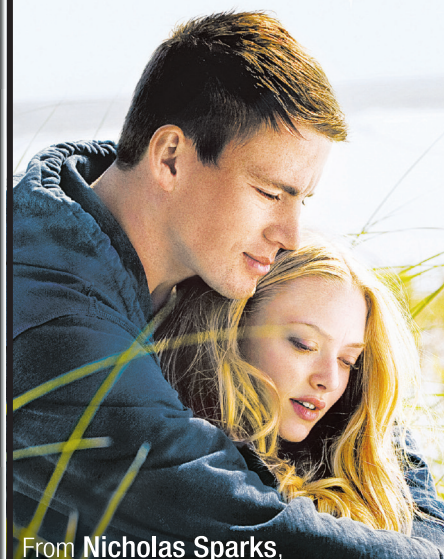
The film is about a young boy who discovers he is the son of the Greek God Poseidon, leading the teen into a

Movie review

secret society in the woods that inexplicably seems to be under constant training for battle. The combination of teen fantasy and Greek mythology may have seemed exciting on the page, but feels undeniably silly onscreen.

It certainly doesn't help that in an attempt to lock up big names for sequels a few well-known actors have been painfully miscast. Uma Thurman manages to outdo her overacting in *Batman And Robin* as Medusa and Pierce Brosnan dons some facial hair as an unlikely centaur.

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Columbus full of surprises

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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At first glance director Chris Columbus's new film seems like a call back to his earlier work. This weekend's Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief is based on a popular book series about a teenager with special powers who must battle supernatural forces.

Can you say Harry Potter? Sure, just don't say it near the filmmaker, who directed the first two films in the J.K. Rowling series and produced the third.

"It's nothing like Harry Potter," he told the New Zealand Herald. "I wouldn't



Comedy (the Home Alone franchise as an example) is just one genre director Chris Columbus has set his hand to. His resume boasts a wealth of feature film experience.

have gotten involved in a picture that was too similar to Potter. I hadn't seen a film like this before and

that was the reason I wanted to do it."

In fact, other than with sequels, he rarely repeats

himself. His resume as a writer (Gremlins), producer (Jingle All the Way) and director (Rent) reveals a vari-

ety of styles and topics. He's no stranger to comedy, having helmed the Home Alone movies; no stranger to romance, as he proved with Only the Lonely, no stranger to teen fare or musicals and in between those he's covered most other genres.

Nestled among his blockbusters are a number of deserving lesser known titles.

In the comedy Heartbreak Hotel he added a chapter to the mythology of Elvis Presley. Starring Tuesday Weld — The King's Wild in the Country co-star — and David Keith as Elvis, the movie centers on Johnny Wolfe's (Charlie Schlatter) scheme to kidnap the singer and bring him home to cheer up his ailing mom (Weld).

It's very silly but Elvis fans will enjoy the sly tributes sprinkled throughout — Weld's motel is called The Flaming Star — and a soundtrack ripe with new versions of Elvis chestnuts

like That's All Right and Hound Dog performed by Keith David and polka kings The Bavarian Village Band.

As a writer Columbus prepped himself for eventually helping the Potter movies by penning Young Sherlock Holmes and the Pyramid of Fear.

Directed by Barry Levinson, the story of young Holmes and Watson meeting and solving a boarding school mystery is primarily notable as the first movie to feature a completely computer-generated character in the form of a knight created from a stained glass window.

Columbus is a restless storyteller who can't be pinned down. He's someone who blazes his own path and takes chances. I mean who else would cast Uma Thurman as a snake-haired Medusa?

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Invictus (STC) Fri-Thu 1:3-4:5-6:45-9:30
Law Abiding Citizen (18A) Fri-Thu 3:25-7:15-9:50
Leap Year (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:10-7:25-9:55
Old Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:30-7:25
Planet 51 (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45-7:10
The Road (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:05-9:45

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A Single Man (STC) Fri 3:30-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:30-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:50
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The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 9:20 Sat-Mon 2:20-9:20 Tue-Thu 9:20
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Turning the Page

Ex-Barenaked Ladies member releases first solo album

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A Singer Must Die. The title of Steven Page's new CD may make Barenaked Ladies' fans cringe.

Is Page talking about himself?

Or is it that other guy, Ed Robertson, the one who's still with the Ladies, the one Page used to duet with on If I Had A Million Dollars.

Neither, actually. It's simply the name of a Leonard Cohen song that Page covers on the new CD (which lands in stores Tuesday). Nothing more. Nothing less.

Well, OK, maybe Page is being a tad mischievous. It's his nature.

"There was a certain

amount of irony that wasn't missed when we were choosing that title," Page says from his new home near Syracuse, N.Y.

"There's a sense of drama and irony, as well as a certain amount of pathos. Self-deprecation has always been my stock in trade. I didn't want people to think that I had changed that much."

A Singer Must Die. The Cohen song is one of ten covers on the album, which Page has recorded with Andrew Burashko and his classical chamber ensemble, the Art of Time. The album is a mixed bag of songs that include Jane Siberry's The Taxi Ride, Rufus Wainwright's Foolish Love, Elvis Costello's I Want You and Radiohead's Paranoid An-

droid.

It's not the type of record most artists would use to launch a new solo career. It's not a pop record designed for air play.

Timing, however, didn't give Page much of an option. The album and its accompanying tour was planned before the infamous coke bust that would result in Page leaving the Barenaked Ladies, the multi-platinum selling band which he co-founded and named.

Back when it was conceived in the spring of 2008, A Singer Must Die was supposed to be just a side project. At the time Burashko's ensemble was doing a series of concerts with guest vocal-

ists. The Page concert went so well live, they decided to record a studio version and release a CD.

Then came the coke bust. It happened near Syracuse at the apartment of Page's girlfriend Christine Benedicto. They got off with little more than a rap on the knuckles from the trial judge.

Publicity-wise, however, the timing was horrendous. Barenaked Ladies had just released a children's CD. Page announced his departure from the band and his side project with Burashko turned into the first album of his new solo career.

For fans who were hoping for something more traditional than A Singer Must Die, don't worry. That will come soon. Page has another CD of original songs ready for release in May or

A Singer Must Die is out on Tuesday



A Singer Must Die is the title of Steven Page's first solo album.

June. And, according to Page, it is a "big, shiny, fun, pop record."

The back-to-back release of these CDs coincides, more or less, with the first Pageless offering from the Barenaked Ladies. The band's new album, All in Good Time, will be available in March.

"We don't talk often," Page says of his former bandmates. "I saw Kevin (Hearn) two weeks ago. I talked to Ed maybe two months ago on the phone. We call and check in but we don't talk often."

"I think there is a certain

healthy sense of competition between the two camps, as well, right now."

The bust was the immediate impetus for his split with BNL. But Page, who now splits his time between houses in Syracuse and Toronto, believes it was inevitable.

"Things had certainly been breaking down for a couple of years. We probably weren't as up front with each other as we were in (earlier) times. We were all pretty unsure about what we wanted to do and whether we wanted to stay together."

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Beer, crocodiles ... Paul Hogan. When thinking of Australia, many stereotypes come into play.

Hip hop isn't one of them, however. Erroneously considered specific to North America and more particularly the United States, this music form seems out of place amongst clichéd images of Aussie culture. Yet as MC Suffa (nee Matt Lambert) of Australia's most successful/notorious hip-hop collective Hilltop Hoods reveals, we shouldn't feel so bad for knowing nothing about his native land's rap scene.

"Hip-hop culture is in its youth over here," he beams. "It's New York circa the 1990s: packed clubs, people playing sample-



Australian hip-hop outfit Hilltop Hoods are touring Canada.

heavy music ... There's a lot of excitement behind it. (Hip hop) is a burgeoning art form here. Commercialization and over-saturation hasn't happened."

Blasting out their smooth rhymes and infectious beats for almost 20 years, Hilltop Hoods — completed by MC Pressure (Daniel Smith) and DJ Debris (Barry Francis) — are proud to see that their music of choice is finally garnering some attention at home. The trio's fifth full-length State Of The Art (Golden Era) reached No. 1 last summer, unseated only by a posthumous Michael Jackson compilation. To Suffa, that proves the scene's puerility and strength.

"We're lucky that we get to do the music we love and people can enjoy it without it being a hipster trend. We have that freedom and that flexibility," he notes, adding that be-

cause it's so fresh, Aussie hip-hop is emancipated from the trappings of its North American brethren. "Our brand of hip-hop is party hip-hop. It's sample-heavy and not bling, guns or gangsters. It's about whatever we want, provided we respect our art and our pioneers."

Suffa adds that he hopes the outfit's forthcoming Canadian tour will not only provoke genre fans to revert back to the positive themes and upbeat atmosphere of formative hip-hop but prove to us that as per another stereotype, "Aussies and Canucks aren't that different in terms of attitude. We're all pretty welcoming and laid-back."

In Concert

• Hilltop Hoods play The Gateway at SAIT in Calgary on Saturday night.

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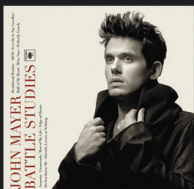
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Music

Wilco finds comfort zone

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

When Wilco (The Album) came out last year, front-man Jeff Tweedy was quoted as saying it "sounds like Wilco."

According to guitarist Nels Cline, pinning down that Wilco sound didn't come from reflections on past melodies or any deep immersion in the band's back catalogue. Instead, the band worked from pretty solidly established song structures, adding improvisational elements and details. The result — a collection of songs that close-

ly matched their demo versions.

"Jeff encouraged us to do as many different things as we could ... (and despite each song's) stylistic divergences, overdubs and flights of fancy, they all ended up grounded in his voice and sensibility," said Cline.

Cline explained this process was very different from that used for 2007's *Sky Blue Sky*, which developed more gradually and organically. The many creative twists and turns in writing that album may be the result of a new incarnation of group members easing into the same musi-

"Jeff (Tweedy) encouraged us to do as many different things as we could ... they all ended up grounded in his voice and sensibility."

Nels Cline

cal headspace. During studio sessions, Tweedy would bring in records he was listening to — "super obscure underground '70s records," says Cline. After hearing those ideas, the band began jamming out improvisations built around fairly loosely organized song structures that changed throughout the process.

"During (*Sky Blue Sky*) we thought more about

arrangement and form ... (We would) change the key on a melody and go and redo a song completely," said Cline. "Jeff (approached the songs) in a much more skeletal way, and was very interested in input from the band in terms of melody and arrangement ... The Album is maybe more focused on songs as songs, and not arrangements."

For example, the recorded version of *Bull Black Nova* is actually the song's demo version, with added overdubs and re-recorded vocals. In contrast, *Impossible Germany* from *Sky*



Wilco kicks off a Canadian tour with an appearance at the Vancouver Winter Olympics this weekend.

Blue Sky was rewritten several times in order to re-incorporate Cline's guitar solo as a core element in the song. Even though it was introduced late in the process, that solo became the song's centerpiece. And now, Cline rips into an extended, improvised version of it during live performances.

"Jeff dragged that solo out of me — and it's be-

come a written solo now," said Cline. "Jeff liked the demo so much he asked me to learn it, so I play the same solo every time (we play live), and then go off as much as I want to."

In Concert

• Wilco plays the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on Tuesday.

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Back in November, I wrote about AC-TA, the secret anti-counterfeiting trademark agreement involving Canada, the U.S., Mexico, the EU and nine other countries. Representatives have been meeting behind closed doors for two years to hammer out a treaty that will inevitably affect every single person on the Internet.

Yet there has been almost zero transparency. None of the draft texts have been made public and those outside the inner circle are bound by tough non-disclosure agreements.

This doesn't mean there haven't been some leaks. Aside from measures to fight counterfeiting, there have been discussions

about a worldwide "three strikes" rule. Accused (not caught, proven or convicted) of file-sharing music three times by an aggrieved rights holder, and you're banned from the Internet. For life.

Internet service providers and telecoms would be liable for copyright infringements by their users. To avoid prosecution, that means they'll have to find some way of sniffing through all the data — YOUR data — that passes through their pipes. And even though you may have a legitimate right to, say, ship a music file from point A to point B, there's the potential for red flags at the ISP. Accused three times (not caught, proven or convicted) and you're done. Not just with your current ISP, either. They'll be required by international law to publish your name to an Internet no-fly list will prevent you from ever having an Internet account in your name ever again.

And it gets better. With the document is a second called *Border Meas-*

ures. There's the real possibility that some border guard will have the power to make you prove all those music files on that iPhone in your pocket are, in fact, not pirated. Can't do it? Bye-bye, iPhone. Oh, and you could be charged and fined.

This is more than just file-sharing for stopping fake Louis Vuitton bags. It's about privacy, civil liberties, and legitimate use of the Internet for commerce and innovation.

The seventh round of negotiations is underway in Mexico — secretly, of course, partly because U.S. President Barack Obama has declared this an issue of national security. Same thing for the next round in April in New Zealand.

And because this is an international treaty, it'll just be rubber-stamped into law. No public debate.

Be informed. Read what the Electronic Frontier Foundations says at eff.org/issues/acta.

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Television

Canada is ready to win, Williams

The true keeper of Canada's Olympic flame is no secret. It is Brian Williams, prime-time host of Vancouver 2010 Winter Games.

Vancouver will mark the Winnipeg native's 13th Olympics — 11th as broadcast host.

Williams says he is astounded by how far Canada has come, both as a team of athletes and as a host nation.

"It's a different feeling this time," says Williams.

"At Calgary and Montreal you got the feeling the athletes were just happy to be home. Here they are happy to be home but they expect to win at home. It's a very different mindset."

Canada won just five medals in 1988 in Calgary and, as in Montreal in 1976, no gold. But in Turin at the last Winter Games, Canada won 24 medals. Only Germany and the United States did better.

"People stop me in the street and say, 'Do you re-

ally think we can finish first overall?'" he says. Williams thinks that might be a stretch but he sees Canada in the top three at least.

Even the Americans are taking note of the changes, says Williams.

"USA Today said last week (Canadians are) no longer our friendly northern neighbours, they want to beat us."

He singles out Erik Guay in the men's downhill and Jennifer Heil in moguls



CTV's Brian Williams

freestyle as two Canadians who could strike gold as early as Saturday.

The medal count could soar, he says. "You'll see numbers we've never dreamed of."

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FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFNC	(5) XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (HDTV) From Vancouver, B.C. Parade of Nations; lighting of the Olympic Cauldron. (Live)	(5) XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (Live)	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Spider-Man 2 *** (2004, Action)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	King of the Hill
-	-	4	OMNI	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Tobey Maguire, James Franco.			
245	306	6	CBRT	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate	CBC News: The National		The Hour
244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Spider-Man 2 *** (2004, Action)	Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco.				News Hour
246	-	8	CKAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries	Glenn Martin	Glenn Martin	Man Tracker	Undercover Boss	EP Daily	NUMB3RS
-	372	12	KREM	News	Access H.	The Doctors (N)	Surviving Survivor		NOW on PBS	Moment	Guard-Queen
-	374	14	KSPS	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)				
-	370	16	KHQ	News	National	Jeopardy! (N)	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (HDTV)				
-	373	22	KAYU	The Office	Raymond	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	House "Brave Heart"	Kitchen Nightmares (PA)		News
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Google World (HDTV)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Google World
500	500	29	CNN	Larry King Live (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CTV News	CTV News	Larry King Live	Larry King Live		Cooper 360
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
400	400	21	TSN	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (HDTV) From Vancouver, B.C. Parade of Nations; lighting of the Olympic Cauldron. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (HDTV) (Live)	Olympics	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey
408	418	27	net	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (HDTV) (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony, (HDTV) (Live)	Olympics	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey	Hockey
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	iCarly	Just My Luck *** (2006, Romance-Comedy)	Lindsay Lohan, Chris Pine.	Holes *** (2003, Adventure)	Fries That?		Prank Patrol
557	541	39	FAM	Zeke & Luther	Jonas	Sonny Chance	Jump In! (2007, Drama)	Corbin Bleu.			
603	565	25	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
515	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	(HDTV)	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds
617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter		Lava Storm (2008, Suspense)	Valerie Vailis		Kenny vs.
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild "Alaska"		Flying Aircraft Carrier (N)	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "Alaska"			Dirty Jobs
628	584	43	SPIKE	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Best of PRIDE Fighting	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	MANswers	MANswers	CSI: Crime Scn	
522	516	45	HIST	Sinking an Aircraft Carrier	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect		Assault on Precinct 13 (2005, Action)			
-	-	47	AMC	(6) The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen	Alien 3 *** (1992, Science Fiction)	Sigourney Weaver, Charles Dance.		Alien Res.			
581	566	102	MTV	The Real World	Teen Mom	1 girl 5 guys	Over the Bolts	Buried	Life of Ryan		Teen Mom

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFNC	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)
-	-	4	OMNI	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)	XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating, Hockey, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey
244	338	7	CICT	renewedepress	Jane Show	A Valentine Carol (2007, Romance)	Emma Caulfield.	Love-Death	G-Spot		News Final (N)
246	-	8	CKAL	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	Julie Walking Home *** (2002, Drama)	(DVS)		Cruose
-	372	12	KREM	News	Scrubs	Grey's Anatomy		Wedding Crashers *** (2005, Comedy)	Owen Wilson.		48 Hours Myst.
-	374	14	KSPS	The Lawrence Welk Show (N)	May-December	Time Goes By		The Bridges of Madison County *** (1995, Romance)	Clint Eastwood.		
-	370	16	KHQ	News	Judge Judy	CSI: NY (HDTV)		XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Skiing. (HDTV)			
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Games"		TwoHalf Men		Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		News
502	390	15	CBC	National	Mansbridge	Mamma Mia Story		National	News: At Issue	National	Mamma Mia
500	500	29	CNN	(6) Black in America	Newsroom	Black in America	"Tomorrow's Leaders"	National	Mansbridge		Newsroom
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
400	400	21	TSN	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)	(4) XXI Winter Olympics Ski Jumping, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)
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552	543	20	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad (N)	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	That's Weirder	Prank Patrol	Survive This
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	SuiteDeck	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Contact *** (1997, Science Fiction)	
603	561	25	FOOD	Chopped		Top Chef Masters		Hell's Kitchen	The River Cottage Treatment	Chopped	
515	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)	(10:01) CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	
617	522	32	SHOW	Howie Do It	About a Girl	Slings and Arrows		Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008, Drama)	Sara Rue.	Hot Rod	
520	505	35	DISC	Dirty Jobs "Sheep Castorator"		Vermintors "Deadly Desert"		Criss Angel Mindfreak	Destroyed		
628	584	43	SPIKE	Die Hard *** (1988, Action)	(HDTV) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia.			Die Hard *** (1988, Action)	Bruce Willis.		
522	516	45	HIST	Ancients Behaving Badly	Nostradamus Effect			A Mighty Heart *** (2007, Docudrama)			
-	-	47	AMC	(6) GoodFellas *** (1990, Crime Drama)				GoodFellas *** (1990, Crime Drama)	Joe Pesci.		
581	566	102	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada-Model

SUNDAY

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245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (HDTV) (DVS)	Booky's Crush (2009, Drama)	Megan Follows.		The Simpsons	Cleveland	CBC News: The National	Doc Zone
244	338	7	CICT	16:9-Picture	Family	Shark Tank		The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
246	-	8	CKAL	Survivorman (DVS)		Man Tracker		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	"Tripp Family" (N)		Cruose
-	372	12	KREM	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		The Amazing Race 16	Undercover Boss (N)		Cold Case (N)
-	374	14	KSPS	Lark Rise to Candleford		Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece Classic	(DVS)	Yellowstone	MI-5
-	370	16	KHQ	News	Mark Faw	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Luge, Skiing. (HDTV)		The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Games"		Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N)	American Dad
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	My Kidnapper (N)			Mansbridge	CBC News: The National		News Kidnapper
500	500	29	CNN	(6) Black in America	Newsroom	Black in America	"Today's Pioneers"	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
501	391	52	CTV	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
400	400	21	TSN	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)	(6) NBA Basketball 2010 All-Star Game. (HDTV) (Live)
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552	543	20	YTV	Ever After: A Cinderella Story *** (1998, Romance)	Drew Barrymore.			Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	SuiteDeck	Zoe 101	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Mr. Wonderful (1993, Romance-Comedy)	
603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef Am.	
515	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)	(10:01) Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	
617	522	32	SHOW	A Mighty Heart	Kink in Hair	Crash & Burn "Closure"		A Valentine Carol (2007, Romance)	Emma Caulfield.		Damages
520	505	35	DISC	Sperm Race	Time Warp	MythBusters "Curving Bullets"		Anthony Bourdain	The Great Sperm Race		
628	584	43	SPIKE	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	
522	516	45	HIST	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Ancient Discoveries		Cities of the Underworld	The Rock *** (1996, Action)	Ed Harris	
-	-	47	AMC	(6) The Godfather, Part II *** (1974, Crime Drama)	Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.			The Godfather, Part II			
581	566	102	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	1 girl 5 guys	Over the Bolts	Canada's Next Top Model	Canada-Model

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Last run for Friday Night Lights

The fifth season of Friday Night Lights will be its last, multiple sources confirm. Sources say the NBC has informed the show's cast that they're free to pursue other work after production on season 5 wraps in June. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Television

Baby girl upstages Idol

REALITY TV The American Idol group auditions proved to be a drama of two dads. When yesterday's episode had ended, Michael Lynche, known as "Big Mike," was the proud father of a newborn baby girl and had made it into the next round of the singing contest.

But Seth Rollins of Lakeland, Fla., who had hoped to make a better life for his autistic son and who performed with Lynche and two other contestants, was cut by the judges.

Lynche, of Astoria, N.Y.,

missed out on being at his wife's side as she delivered their daughter and instead monitored the birth by phone.

"Hi, baby girl," he heard his wife say, then dropped his head into his arms. With his fellow group members standing by, he turned back to the competition. "Still got work to do," the new father said.

Lynche ended up among the 71 contestants moving on to the next round, out of 96 that started the night. A number of those cut left in tears. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ready to take on Canada

Colbert's got his game on

Like many of the athletes vying for gold in Vancouver, Stephen Colbert's Olympic training has been eventful.

He has already auditioned for the U.S. bobsled, skating and curling teams. He has angered a sizable portion of Canada. And he has landed on the cover of Sports Illustrated's Olympic preview.

Now, he's preparing for the big event. While The Colbert Report is in repeats next week, the comedian will be in Vancouver for the first week of the Olympics.

He'll be there recording a wealth of material for his show (to air beginning Feb. 22), attending events, conducting interviews and doing a kind of half-show from a stage set up outside the Olympic centre.

"We'll bring snow because I don't think Vancouver

has any," he said in an interview, taking a swipe at the city's sometimes watery precipitation.

Just as he has inserted himself into big events such as the 2008 election (during which he was briefly and illegitimately a candidate) and the Iraq war (he did a week of shows from Baghdad in 2009), Colbert has made himself a key figure for the XXI Olympic Games, which start Friday.

When the U.S. Speedskating team lost its primary sponsor last fall (the Dutch bank DSB went bankrupt), the report stepped in with a novel idea.

The show's ardent fans had previously raised sizable amounts of money for charity, and the show suggested that the "Colbert Nation" could sponsor the skaters.



Last November Colbert, right, announced his show had become the primary sponsor of the U.S. Speedskating team.

Fan donations filled the vacancy by raising more than \$300,000. "Colbert Nation" is branded on the team's suits and Colbert has had an active relationship with the squad.

Many Canadians, though, have been put off by Colbert's frequent mockery.

He has called Canadians "syrup-suckers," "Saskatchewinners," and said Canadian history is a euphemism for a sex act so depraved, he can't say it on TV. But now that foreign

athletes have received more ice time in Vancouver, Colbert says, "I've forgiven Canada. . . I'm there to celebrate Canada at this point."

But for all of his satire, it's clear Colbert has a genuine love of the Olympics.

"It's a festival," he says. "What a great, rare honour it's been to be helpful in any way to these beautiful athletes. I'm really in awe of what they do and I want to be there to support them."

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Jackson wants medical records

LEGAL A judge in Los Angeles will rule next week on whether Michael Jackson's father can obtain medical records related to the death of his superstar son.

Joe Jackson's attorney, Brian Oxman, sought the records as part of an effort to obtain a monthly

stipend for the Jackson family patriarch. He says his client has a right to know more about his son's death and the records could also be used to pursue a wrongful death lawsuit. Jackson's estate opposed releasing the records.

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Austrian filmmakers have Oscar ambitions

AWARDS Austria, known more for Mozart than movies, is hoping to make it big at the Oscars next month.

The birthplace of action megastar Arnold Schwarzenegger is also increasingly a film awards juggernaut. The three Academy Award nominations for Austrians announced this month are a source of pride for the small country, whose films and actors are getting renewed attention from Oscar after watching from the wings for years.

"Anybody who knows a little bit about films knows about Austria," said Geoff Andrew, an expert at the British Film Institute.

Christoph Waltz, the front-runner for best supporting actor for Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds, is perhaps the most high-profile of the Austrians in contention at the March 7 ceremony.

Director Michael Haneke and cinematographer Christian Berger, meanwhile, are in the running for best foreign language film and best cinematography for their work on The White Ribbon, a disturbing black-and-white drama submitted by neighbouring Germany, presenting a sombre study of a troubled village on the eve of the First World War.

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Entertainment in brief

WE WANT BETTY

More than 188,000 people on Facebook are urging Saturday Night Live to make Betty White a host.

The 88-year-old actress was recently given a lifetime achievement award at the Screen Actors Guild Awards and starred in a Super Bowl commercial for Snickers that

has ranked as one of the game's most popular. The Facebook page, which isn't affiliated with White, says she would be a "fantastic" host and that it would be a terrific way to honour her. Neither White or NBC have had any comment on the idea.

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Becker welcomes a son

It's a boy for tennis ace Boris Becker and his wife Sharley "Lilly" Kerssenberg. The pair, who wed in June, welcomed a son, Amadeus Benedict Edley Luis Becker, in London on Feb. 9., Becker confirmed to German newspaper Bild. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Going Out

McQueen found dead

British Designer's death shocks fashion world

British fashion designer Alexander McQueen was found dead in his London home yesterday. He was 40 years old.

The circumstances pointed to a possible suicide, but there was no official confirmation from police or his publicists. According to an anonymous source, an ambulance was called at 10 a.m., and workers found McQueen hanging in his apartment.

His sudden death robbed the fashion scene of one of its most innovative and successful young designers. He made his name first in London, then wooed audiences in Paris, New York and Milan to take his place in the upper echelons of the design world.

Yet recently posted comments on his Twitter page showed that McQueen was

distraught over the Feb. 2 death of his mother. Little was immediately known about the circumstances surrounding his death, which came as the fashion elite was gathered in New York for a series of catwalk shows.

A presentation of McQueen's secondary label, McQ, had been scheduled for yesterday's opening day of New York Fashion Week. Acclaim and honours came pouring for the talented, bearded man favoured by celebrities like Madonna, Lady Gaga and Naomi Campbell.

Despite the accolades, McQueen clung tenaciously to his privacy, turning down most interview requests and shying away from the post-show limelight other designers craved.

He was the youngest of six children born to a taxi driver and a teacher, his representatives in New York

said.

Known for his dramatic statement pieces and impeccable tailoring, he helped raise the profile of British fashion and was recognized by the Queen in 2003 when she made him a Commander of the British Empire for his fashion leadership.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: What's hot right now

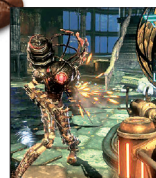
1 Vancouver 2010 Olympics
EVENT Canada's moment of pride is finally here. The games kick off today and the hopes of gold-medal glory are sky high right now. CTV will be covering the event.

**Amreeka**

DVD New immigrant stories either tend to be ridiculously upbeat or terribly depressing. Not Amreeka. This tale of a Palestinian mother and son's journey to America keeps a sense of humour without losing grip on reality.

Bioshock 2

GAME It's a little surprising that it has become so popular. The game is set in the fictional dystopian city Rapture, eight years after the events of BioShock.

**Ellen DeGeneres**

CELEBRITY Ellen

DeGeneres is proving that her ratings magic also applies to the comedienne's new prime-time gig. Viewership for American Idol was up 12 last Tuesday's premiere, and DeGeneres earned lofty praise from co-host Kara DioGuardio who said "I think she did an incredible job."

One Life Stand: Hot Chip

ALBUM The geeky British electro-pop band may not have the oomph but they are the closest you'll get to Pet Shop Boys-era grooves these days. Their latest trolls out more breezy party-starters

The Wolfman

FILM Universal's update of Lon Chaney Jr.'s 1951 classic doesn't look too promising. But here are the alternatives: The all-you-can-eat mush of Valentine's Day, or the kiddie clamour of Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief.

Sweet Little Lies: Lauren Conrad

BOOK Sweet Little Lies continues the Hollywood adventures of the former Hills star's alter-ego Jane Roberts.

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When: Saturday
Where: Calgary Zoo
This romantic pre-Valentine's Day evening at the Calgary Zoo includes a delicious candlelit dinner buffet in the all new ENMAX conservatory.

A Victoria Valentine's Day Dinner

When: Sunday
Wainwright Hotel, Heritage Park
Two extraordinary settings. Two exquisite menus. One true love. It's the perfect place to take your special love.

Southern Stardust Valentine's Dinner and Dance

When: Saturday
Where: The Red & White, McMahon Stadium Doors
An evening of ballroom dancing, including a three-course served dinner.

Celebrating Valentine's Day...

Love Letters



Metro readers from coast-to-coast are a romantic bunch. When we asked you to submit your sweet nothings, we were deluged with love letters that would even make cupid blush. Here are some of our favourites



SHARMIN AND TANVIR, TORONTO

When you cry I can feel it through my soul... smile always.

- TANVIR



CHUCK AND BILL, OTTAWA

Bill, we may be together over 22 years already, and we may be an old married couple, but would you please still BEE my Valentine? Love you with all my heart and soul.

- CHUCK



KELLY AND AMANDA, CALGARY

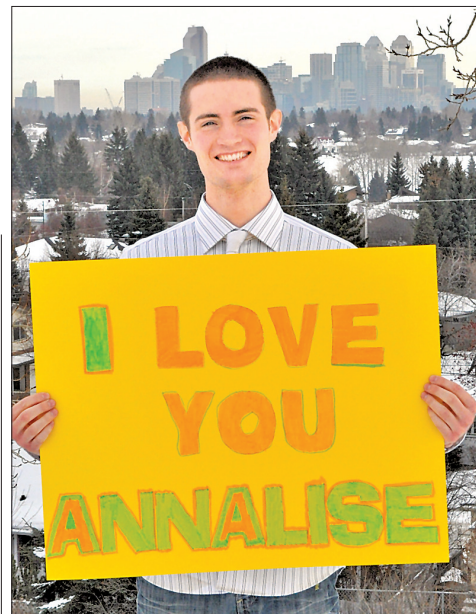
Dearest Kelly, Even in the gloomiest and coldest days, there is always sunshine and warmth in your smile. I love you Honey-bee! Happy Valentine's Day!

- AMANDA

RIGHT: TAMMY AND BYRON, CALGARY

To my new husband, Byron: Love is when you don't want to go to sleep because reality is better than a dream. Lovin' every minute of everyday. Xoxo,

- TAMMY



LEFT: TREVOR AND ANNALISE, CALGARY

Thanks for being my best friend, confidante, editor, and all around amazing piece to my life, Annalise. Can't wait for this year to unfold and the memories we'll soon share!

- TREVOR



CHARITY AND RYAN, VANCOUVER

In the words of a zombie, "urghghdghghg." I love you very much sweetheart!

- CHARITY

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Blunt says no to airbrushing

Emily Blunt hates airbrushing. The star is proud of her curvy figure and wants to show it off, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She said: "I hate when your legs are three times the length they actually are. It's unfair." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Celebrity Buzz****Willis' Die Hard rep follows him**

THEY DON'T MAKE ACTION HEROES (OR MOVIES) LIKE THEY USED TO Bruce Willis claims drunken guys always try to start fights with him, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 54-year-old actor gets annoyed by men who want to challenge him in bars because of his tough guy persona.

"It took me a long time to understand that a lot of guys wanted to be the guy who kicked John McClane's a—," he said to Men's Journal about his Die Hard character.

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**Mayer's eyes wet with regret**

'I SWEAR I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THE WORDS THAT I SAID' (INSERT TEARS) Amidst criticism for his comments in a Playboy interview — including racist remarks and racy details of sex with Jessica Simpson — John Mayer issued a tearful apology at his concert in Nashville on Wednesday night, people.com reports.

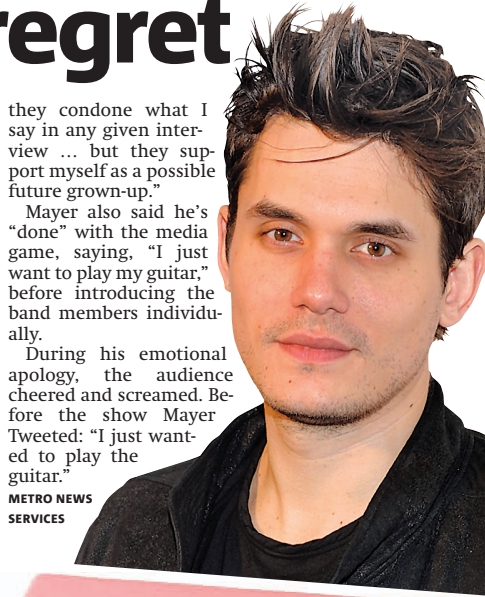
Wringing his hands on stage, the troubled guitarist told his audience at the Sommet Center that he fell into "a wormhole of selfishness, greediness and arrogance" and "in the quest to be clever, forgot about the people who love me and that I love."

Mayer, who was visibly choked up, added that his bandmates were on stage with him "not because

they condone what I say in any given interview ... but they support myself as a possible future grown-up."

Mayer also said he's "done" with the media game, saying, "I just want to play my guitar," before introducing the band members individually.

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**Ellen's undies make big splash in Patrick Dempsey's pants**

ELLEN IS ALWAYS GOOD FROM SOME SUPPORT Most people would grimace getting underwear for a present — but not Patrick Dempsey, usmagazine.com reports. On Thursday's Ellen DeGeneres Show, the Valentine's Day star, 44, says he can't stop wearing Ellen undies.

"It is a great gift," he says. "You get this wonderful gift that says 'Ellen' right here on the band. It is fantastic underwear."

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TILA TEQUILA wants another baby, Amy Winehouse is a Glee, Nicole Richie's sense of humour needs to grow up, and Michael Lohan offers his daughter some advice.

@officialTila: Any men out there who would like to be my next baby daddy?? This is quite addicting!

@amywinehouse: How cool is Glee? it's funny s< reminds me of school. wicked that they did rehab sounds the nuts. thanks Glee

@nicolerichie: WHY, no matter how old I get, are farts so f@cking funny!?!

@Lindsaylohan India and Haiti were good starts, but NOW you have to focus on finding YOU. the LINDSAY THAT STARTED and rose to the top.

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Damon-Douglas love-in

FROM WALL STREET AND JASON BOURNE TO LIBERACE AND LOVER?

Michael Douglas is looking forward to having Matt Damon as a lover in their new movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

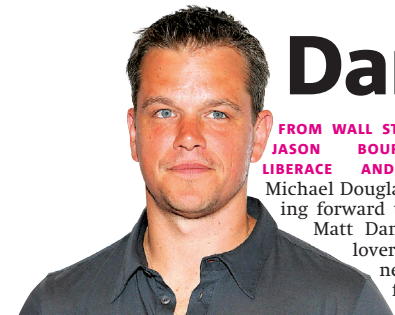
The star plays flamboyant gay pianist Liberace in a new biopic of the same name and rather than being nervous about having Damon as his younger partner in the film, he is excited about it.

Douglas said: "I'm just going to get really comfortable so it's not a caricature. Matt Damon's going to be my younger lover. God bless Matt."

The film — directed by Stephen Soderbergh — will be a departure for

both actors, as they are both known for their macho movies.

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**Shepherd's ex wants out of public eye**

WON'T SOMEONE PLEASE THINK OF THE CHILDREN?

Sherri Shepherd's ex husband Jeff Tarpley has asked his ex, asking that she stop talking about their split on TV (The View, among other broadcasts) for the sake of their son.

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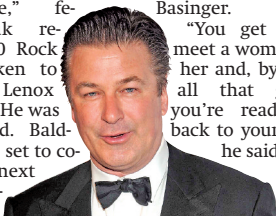
**Alec Baldwin rushed to hospital, pines for ex**

REVERSE MID-LIFE CRISIS Alec Baldwin had to be rushed to hospital after becoming "unresponsive," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 30 Rock star was taken to New York's Lenox Hill Hospital. He was later released. Baldwin — who is set to co-host next month's Oscars with

Steve Martin — recently hinted he still has strong feelings for his ex-wife Kim Basinger.

"You get divorced, meet a woman, marry her and, by the time all that goes by, you're ready to go back to your ex-wife," he said.

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**Lilo promises Ronson isn't the abusive type**

DEALING WITH ALLEGED DOMESTIC ABUSE THROUGH TWITTER: THE WORLD IS ENOUGH Lindsay Lohan has denied Samantha Ronson hit her, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She tweeted: "This is become a bit

much" Samantha R never raised a hand to me, I've never said she did" Enough is Enough. Focus on other more important... World issues (sic)."

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**From Super Bowl to TV producing**

I GUESS ANYONE CAN DO IT Now that her boyfriend has won a Super Bowl, Kim Kardashian has a new goal: To produce TV shows — lots of TV shows, people.com

"I definitely see myself doing a lot more (producing)," Kardashian tells People.

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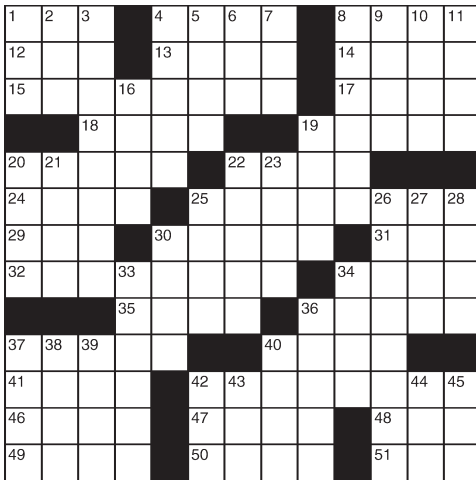


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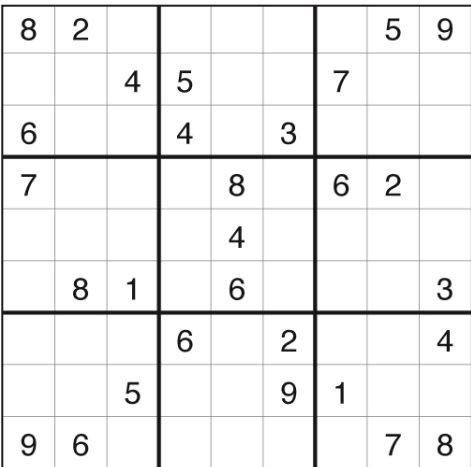
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken Couscous Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) couscous
1 2/3 cups (400 ml) boiling chicken stock
2 red peppers, quartered
1 zucchini, quartered lengthwise
5 oz (150 g) frozen fava beans
5 tbsp (75 ml) vinaigrette
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
1 cinnamon stick, bruised
4 tbsp (60 ml) toasted flaked almonds
14 oz (400 g) cooked chicken, chopped
1/2 oz (15 g) fresh parsley, chopped

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler. Mix couscous with boiling stock and 1 tsp (5 ml) salt, then leave to soak.
2. While couscous is soaking, broil peppers and zuc-

chini until browned and just tender, turning as necessary. Cut into small pieces.

3. While peppers are broiling, cook fava beans in pot of boiling water 3 minutes, then drain and rinse under cold running water. Pat dry.
4. Fork through couscous briskly to separate grains. Add vinaigrette, lemon juice, cinnamon stick, flaked almonds, grilled vegetables and chicken. Season, then add chopped herbs and combine well. Serve.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

The current cosmic climate is encouraging you to think deeply about who you are and what you do in the world.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

You will get the chance today to understand what makes someone tick. According to the planets it's important to know why they think and act.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

It is not enough that you know something needs to be changed — you must have the courage to go out and change it yourself.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Someone in a position of authority is about to make you an attractive offer but because it means cutting back on your social life you may not be sure.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

You don't lack for self-belief but it will take more than that to realize your dreams, and you know it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

Focus on things you understand today and avoid issues where your knowledge is sketchy or limited.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

You may look confident on the outside but on the inside you are plagued by self-doubt, although at the moment that may be no bad thing.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Tell the truth as you see it today, even at the risk of upsetting your nearest and dearest. Some issues are too important to be swept under the carpet.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

You are the kind of person who can talk yourself in to or out of anything and today you should talk yourself into taking a trip away.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Don't expect the people you live or work with to read between the lines of what you are saying.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

Just because something is fashionable does not mean it is right and you would be wise to meditate on that point today.

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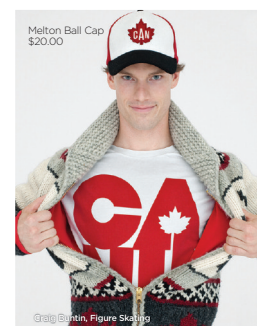
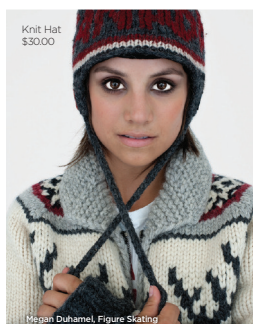
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